

Rivendell cardigan

Top-down cable cardigan pattern by Sari Nordlund



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The Rivendell cardigan has a relaxed fit with dropped shoulders. It is knitted seamlessly top down. The piece is started at the back neck and then increased to the full width of the back. After that stitches are picked up along the sloped shoulders for the fronts. The pieces are joined at the underarm and the body is then knitted in one piece. The sleeve stitches are then picked up from the body and worked in the round. The buttonband is worked in double knitting.

The beautiful cable pattern is worked on along the buttonbands on the fronts as well as on the sleeves. The cable pattern is very beginner friendly.

The length of the body and sleeves are easily modified to suit your own body measurements. I recommend trying the cardigan on every now and then while working on it to make sure you get the perfect length for your style.

Sizes

1 (2, 3, 4, 5) (6, 7, 8, 9)

- Finished bust circumference: 96 (105, 116, 125, 136) (145, 156, 165, 176) cm / 37.75 (41.25, 45.75, 49.25, 53.5) (57, 61.5, 65, 69.25) inches including the intended positive ease of 20 cm / 8 inches
- Length from hem to underarm (adjustable): 30 (30, 30, 30, 33) (33, 33, 35, 35) cm / 11.75 (11.75, 11.75, 11.75, 13) (13, 13, 13.75, 13.75) inches
- Sleeve length from cuff to underarm (adjustable): 42 cm / 16.5 inches
- Upper arm circumference: 32 (36, 37, 38, 42) (44, 48, 52, 57) cm / 12.5 (14.25, 14.5, 15, 16.5) (17.25, 19, 20.5, 22.5) inches

Note: Please be aware that adjusting the lengths of the garment will also affect the amount of yarn needed to finish the project.

Yarn

Note: The pattern uses a strand of DK weight yarn, but it can be substituted for a strand of fingering weight yarn held together with a strand of lace weight mohair yarn. If you wish to work a fingering weight + mohair version, hold yarns together throughout the whole project. You will need the given yarn amount of both yarns.

850 (940, 1030, 1130, 1240) (1370, 1510, 1660, 1820) m / 920 (1020, 1120, 1230, 1350) (1490, 1640, 1800, 1980) yards of DK weight yarn.

Sample: 4 (5, 5, 6, 6) (7, 7, 8, 9) skeins of Knitting for Olive Merino (100% merino; 250 meters / 273 yards per 50 g) shown in the colorway Nordic beach and 5 (5, 6, 6, 7) (7, 8, 9, 10) skeins of Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair (70% mohair, 30% silk; 225 m / 246 yards per 25 g), shown in colorway Oat.

Needles

- 3 mm / US 2.5 circular needles with a cable of 40 cm / 16 inches for the neck
- 3 mm / US 2.5 DPNs or circular needles with a cable suitable for small circumference knitting for the cuffs
- 3 mm / US 2.5 circular needles with a cable of at least 80 cm / 32 inches for the hem
- 3.5 mm / US 4 DPNs or circular needles with a cable suitable for small circumference knitting for the sleeves
- 3.5 mm / US 4 circular needles with a cable of 40 cm / 16 inches for the top of the yoke
- 3.5 mm / US 4 circular needles with a cable of at least 80 cm / 32 inches for the body

Gauge

- 18 sts and 31 rows = 10 cm / 4 inches of seed stitch on larger needles, after blocking.
- 20 sts according to the Left Front Chart = 8 cm / 3.25 inches on the larger needles, after blocking.

Notions

- 4 stitch markers
- 4 locking markers
- 4 buttons (approx. 3 cm diameter)
- cable needle, if using
- waste yarn
- tapestry needle
- blocking tools

Stitch patterns

Note: The sides and the sleeves are worked in seed stitch (i.e. keep alternating between k1 and p1: if the next stitch on your needle is a knit stitch, then purl it and if it's a purl stitch, then knit it. This means you work a knit stitch over a purl stitch and a purl stitch over a knit stitch.)

Seed stitch knitted flat over odd stitch count

Row 1: *K1, p1; repeat from * until 1 st remains, k1.

Row 2: *K1, p1; repeat from * until 1 st remains, k1.

Seed stitch knitted flat over even stitch count

Row 1: *K1, p1; repeat from * until end.

Row 2: *P1, k1; repeat from * until end.

Seed stitch in the round over odd stitch count

Round 1: *K1, p1; repeat from * until 1 st remains, k1.

Round 2: *P1, k1; repeat from * until 1 st remains, p1.

Seed stitch in the round over even stitch count

Round 1: *K1, p1; repeat from * until end.

Round 2: *P1, k1; repeat from * until end.

Increasing in seed stitch pattern:

At the beginning of the seed stitch section: If you would work the next stitch as k1, then m1Lp. If you would work it as p1, then m1L.

At the end of the seed stitch section: If you would work the next stitch as k1, then m1R. If you would work it as p1, then m1Rp.

Instructions

BACK INCREASES

Cast on 23 (27, 29, 29, 29) (29, 31, 33, 35) sts for the back neck on the larger needles. Do not join in the round. Place locking markers into the cast on edge below the first and last stitch of the row.

Set-Up Row (WS): K1, *p1, k1; repeat from * until the end of the row.

Row 1 (RS): P1, m1L, p1, *k1, p1; repeat from * until 1 st remains, m1R, p1. 2 sts inc'd.

Row 2 (WS): K1, m1Rp, k1, *p1, k1; repeat from * until 1 st remains, m1Lp, k1. 2 sts inc'd.

Repeat Rows 1-2 another 16 (17, 19, 21, 23) (25, 27, 29, 31) times for a total of 34 (36, 40, 44, 48) (52, 56, 60, 64) rows worked since the Set-Up Row. 91 (99, 109, 117, 125) (133, 143, 153, 163) sts on needles.

Sizes 5, 6 and 7 only:

Next Row (RS): Work Row 1 one more time. - (-, -, -, 127) (135, 145, -, -) sts on needles.

Next Row (WS): K1, work in seed stitch until 1 st remains, k1.

BACK

All sizes resume:

Place a locking marker at the first and last stitch of the row.

From now on the first and last stitch of the row will always be a purl stitch on the RS and knit stitch on the WS. Work the rest of the stitches in seed stitch as established.

Row 1 (RS): P1, work in seed stitch until 1 st remains, p1.

Row 2 (WS): K1, work in seed stitch until 1 st remains, k1.

Repeat Rows 1-2 another 23 times for a total of 48 rows worked since the end of increases.

Break yarn and put the sts on hold on a piece of waste yarn.

RIGHT FRONT SHOULDER

Note: When working the charts on the WS rows, remember to read them from left to right and check the changed abbreviations for the stitches when working on the WS. The first row of the chart is worked from the WS!

With the RS facing you and starting at the locking marker at the end of increases on the right shoulder, pick up and knit 34 (38, 42, 46, 51) (55, 59, 62, 66) sts (= 1 st per each row) along the right shoulder line until the locking marker at the right corner of the back neck cast on.

Row 1 (WS): Work Row 1 of the Right Front Chart over the next 20 sts, pm, work in seed stitch (starting with a p1 for sizes 1-4 and 8-9, or a k1 for sizes 5-7) until 1 st remains, k1.

Row 2 (RS): P1, work in seed stitch until next m, sm, work Row 2 of the Right Front Chart until end.

Work Rows 1-2 another 2 more times then Row 1 one more time (= Chart rows 3-7). Then start shaping the front neck by increasing stitches between the seed stitch section and the charted section:

Increase Row (RS): P1, work in seed stitch until next m, m1R (or m1Rp to stay in the seed stitch pattern, read the increasing tip in the Stitch pattern section), sm, work Row 8 of the Right Front Chart until end.

Repeat the Increase Row on every 8th row (last row of the Right Front Chart) another 10 (10, 11, 11, 11) (11, 12, 13, 14) times, and take the increased stitches into the seed stitch pattern. Then work one more row from the WS without any further increases. Place a locking marker at the front edge to mark the last increase, you will need this to guide you for the button placements. 45 (49, 54, 58, 63) (67, 72, 76,

81) sts on needles.

Break yarn and put the sts on hold on a piece of waste yarn.

LEFT FRONT SHOULDER

With the RS facing you and starting at the locking marker at the left corner of the back neck cast on, pick up and knit 34 (38, 42, 46, 51) (55, 59, 62, 66) sts (= 1 st per each row) along the left shoulder line until the locking marker at the end of increases on the left shoulder.

Row 1 (WS): K1, work the next 13 (17, 21, 25, 30) (34, 38, 41, 45) sts in seed stitch starting with a p1, pm, work Row 1 of the Left Front Chart until end.

Row 2 (RS): Work Row 2 of the Left Front Chart until next m, sm, work in seed stitch until 1 st remains, p1.

Work Rows 1-2 another 2 more times then Row 1 one more time. (Chart rows 3-7) Then start shaping the front neck by increasing stitches between the seed stitch section and the charted section:

Increase Row (RS): Work Row 8 of the Left Front Chart until next m, sm, m1L (or m1Lp to stay in the seed stitch pattern, read the increasing tip in the Stitch pattern section), work in seed stitch until 1 st remains, p1.

Repeat the Increase Row on every 8th row (last row of the Left Front Chart) another 10 (10, 11, 11, 11) (11, 12, 13, 14) times, and take the increased stitches into the seed stitch pattern. Then work one more row from the WS without any further increases. 45 (49, 54, 58, 63) (67, 72, 76, 81) sts on needles.

JOINING THE FRONTS AND THE BACK

Next Row (RS): Work Row 2 of the Left Front Chart until next m, sm, work in seed stitch until 1 sts left before the end of the left front, p1. Then CO 1 st using the Back Loop Cast or the Cable Cast On method, pm for side. Take the sts held for the back on your needles, and p1, work in seed stitch until 1 st remains and p1. Pm for side, then cast on 1 st

using the Back Loop Cast On method or the Cable Cast On method. Take the sts held for the right front on your needles, and p1, work in seed stitch until next m, sm, work Row 2 of the Right Front Chart until end. 183 (199, 219, 235, 255) (271, 291, 307, 327) sts on needles.

Next Row (WS): Work next row of the Right Front Chart until next m, sm, work in seed stitch until 2 sts remains before the next m, k1, p1 tbl, sm. K1, work in seed stitch until 1 st remains before next m, k1, sm. P1 tbl, k1, work in seed stitch until next m, sm, work next row of the Left Front Chart until end.

Next Row (RS): Work next row of the Left Front Chart until next m, sm, work in seed stitch until 2 sts remains before the next m, p1, k1 tbl, sm. P1, work in seed stitch until 1 st remains before next m, p1, sm. K1 tbl, p1, work in seed stitch until next m, sm, work next row of the Right Front Chart until end.

Continue as established until the body measures 25 (25, 25, 25, 28) (28, 28, 30, 30) cm / 9.75 (9.75, 9.75, 9.75, 11) (11, 11, 11.75, 11.75) inches from the underarm or 5 cm / 2 inches less than the desired length for the body, ending with a WS row.

HEM

Change to smaller needles. On the next row, you can remove all markers.

Ribbing Row 1 (RS): P1, *k1 tbl, p1; repeat from * until end.

Ribbing Row 2 (WS): K1, *p1 tbl, k1; repeat from * until end.

Continue as established until the hem measures 5 cm / 2 inches or the desired length. Bind off all sts using the Sewn Tubular Bind Off, or other bind off method of your choice.

SLEEVES

Use the larger needles. Starting at the underarm cast on stitch, pick up and knit 68 (76, 78, 80, 86) (90, 98, 104, 114) sts along the sleeve opening. Pm for BOR.

Round 1: K1 tbl, p1, work the next 13 (17, 18, 19, 22) (24, 28, 31, 36) sts in seed stitch, pm, work Round 1 of the Sleeve Chart, pm, work the next 13 (17, 18, 19, 22) (24, 28, 31, 36) sts in seed stitch, p1.

Round 2: K1 tbl, p1, work in seed stitch until next m, sm, work Round 2 of the Sleeve Chart, sm, work in seed stitch until 1 st remains, p1.

Work 20 (15, 10, 8, 5) (3, 3, 2, 2) more rounds as established.

Decrease Round: K1tbl, p2tog, work in seed stitch until next m, sm, work next round of the Sleeve Chart, sm, work in seed stitch until 2 st remains, ssp. 2 sts dec'd.

Repeat the Decrease Round every 28th (18th, 16th, 14th, 10th) (10th, 7th, 6th, 4th) round another 3 (5, 6, 7, 10) (10, 14, 17, 22) more times. 60 (64, 64, 64, 64) (68, 68, 68, 68) sts remain on the sleeve.

Work as established without any further decreases until the sleeve measures 37 cm / 14.5 inches or 5 cm / 2 inches less than the desired length.

CUFFS

Change to smaller needles.

Ribbing Round: *K1 tbl, p1; repeat from * until end.

Continue as established until the cuff measures 5 cm / 2 inches or the desired length.

Bind off all sts using the Sewn Tubular Bind Off, or other bind off method of your choice.

Work the second sleeve accordingly.

BUTTONBAND

Mark placements for the buttons. With a removable marker, mark the place for the first button about 3 cm / 1.25 inches from the bottom of the right front. The topmost button will be just below the marker placed at the last increase on the right front. Place the last two removable stitch markers between the bottom button marker and the top button marker, so that they markers are evenly spaced = 4 removab-

le st markers on the right front, marking 4 buttonholes.

Using your smaller needles, begin picking up stitches at the bottom of the right front piece and pick up 1 st in every row along the right front piece. Then pick up and knit 1 st from each casted on stitch at the back neck and continue picking up sts along the left front until you reach the bottom hem. Break yarn.

CO 16 sts on your smaller needles and place them in front of the stitches on the right front.

Row 1 (RS): Sl1 purlwise wyif, *knit 1, sl1 wyif; repeat from * until 1 st remains of the 16 buttonband sts, then ssk the stitch together with the first stitch picked from the right front. Turn the work.

Row 2 (WS): *Sl1 wyif, k1; repeat from * until the end. Turn the work.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until you reach the first removab-

le marker to make the first buttonhole. Make sure the next row is a RS row.

Work the buttonhole as follows:

Work the first 8 sts as before, turn and work over the 8 stitches as before. Work 3 rows in total over the 8 stitches (work last row from the RS). Cut the yarn.

Then reattach the yarn to the work and work 4 rows in total as before over the remaining 8 band stitches (work first row from RS) and continue decreasing the last st on the RS rows together with the next stitch along the front edge as before. On last row from WS work as before over all of the 16 buttonband sts and continue as established for the whole buttonband on Rows 1-2. Work the other three buttonholes similarly, then work without any further buttonholes until you reach the end of the left front, ending with a RS row. Then bind off all sts as if to purl.

FINISHING

Weave in all remaining yarn ends. Wet block to measurements. Attach the buttons.

Abbreviations

BOR	Beginning of the round	st(s)	Stitch(es)
CO	Cast on	tbl	Through back loop
dec'd	Decreased	WS	Wrong side
DPN(s)	Double pointed needle(s)	wyif	With yarn in front
inc'd	Increased		
k	Knit	3/3 LC	3 over 3 left cable: slip 3 sts to cable needle at front, k3, then k3 from cable needle.
k2tog	Knit 2 sts together	3/3 RC	3 over 3 right cable: slip 3 sts to cable needle at back, k3, then k3 from cable needle.
m1L	Make 1 knit stitch (left leaning)		
m1Lp	Make 1 purl stitch (left leaning)		
m1R	Make 1 knit stitch (right leaning)		
m1Rp	Make 1 purl stitch (right leaning)		
p	Purl		
pm	Place marker		
p2tog	Purl 2 sts together		
RS	Right side		
sl1	Slip 1 st		
sm	Slip marker		
ssk	(Slip knitwise) x 2, knit the slipped stitches together through the back loop		
ssp	(Slip knitwise) x 2, purl the slipped stitches together through the back loop		



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